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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

GENEVA FOR MTN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GATT, ETRD, SF, BC, LT, WZ

SUBJ: MTN: TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

1. SAG WILL BE REPRESENTED AT FEBURARY 11 TNC MEETING BY
THERON OF THEIR GENEVA MISSION.

2. SAG OFFICIALS TOLD US CLEARLY THAT THEIR POLICY AT THIS STAGE
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IS "WATCH AND WAIT". THEY CONSIDER IT IS UP TO THE "BIG THREE"

(U.S., EC, JAPAN) TO TAKE THE INITIATIVES. SOUTH AFRICA CONSIDERS ITSELF A DEVELOPING COUNTRY LACKING THE BENEFITS OF BEING CLASSED AS SUCH AND UNABLE TO JOIN ANY BLOC IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THEY CONSIDER THAT A LOW PROFILE IS THE ONLY STANCE OPEN TO THEM, AT LEAST IN THE EARLY STAGES.

3. DISCUSSION REVEALED CONSIDERABLE SAG INTEREST IN QUESTION OF ACCESS TO RAW MATERIALS AND PART THIS QUESTION WILL PLAY IN NEGOTIATIONS. PAST CONCESSIONS GUARANTEEING MARKET ACCESS FOR SA RAW MATERIALS SEEM LESS VALUABLE IN WORLD OF MATERIALS SHORTAGES THAN THEY DID DURING LONG PERIOD OF SURPLUSES. SA RELUCTANT TO GIVE CONCESSIONS ON ACCESS TO SA MARKET FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS BECAUSE OF "NEED" TO PROTECT INFANT INDUSTRIES. SAG APPARENTLY WONDERING IF SA MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER SOME SORT OF SUPPLU GUARANTEES FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS AS BARGAINING CHIPS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. (QUID FOR THIS QUO WOULD PROBABLY BE GREATER FREEDOM TO PROTECT HOME MARKET FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS).
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